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Mr. Alan Bornt  
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### **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH 2011 EYE GNAT NUISANCE PREVENTION PLAN**

Dear Mr. Bornt:

Earlier this year, we were informed by your staff that the area of the farm south of Highway 80 would not be farmed for the remainder of 2011. As a result, the buffer crops and other control measures in this area of the farm were not enforced due to the farm essentially shrinking in size and moving north of the main road. Your staff was specifically warned that if the buffer crops in that section of the farm were not maintained that any attempt to plant prior to re-establishing a viable buffer crop would result in noncompliance with the 2011 prevention plan. Our inspection of the farm on August 25<sup>th</sup> revealed that irrigation pipes are being placed in a portion of Block A in preparation for planting. One of your staff on site indicated that at least a portion of Block A was being readied for a new crop. If Block A is planted, prior to re-establishing a sufficient buffer crop, you will be considered in noncompliance with the 2011 prevention plan.

As a reminder, the Plan is in place to prevent eye gnat breeding, and planting a crop without proper prevention measures in place does not prevent eye gnat breeding. The true measure of this Plan is the level of eye gnats in the community adjoining your farm. Our community trapping has revealed relatively low levels of eye gnat breeding at this time but any lapse in prevention measures during peak gnat season could easily result in a rapid increase of gnats invading the neighborhood near your farm.

You are hereby advised not to plant crops in areas that do not have full grown buffer crops and all other control measures.

If you have any questions or want to discuss your compliance further, contact me at (858) 505-6671.

Sincerely,

Jack Miller  
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Enclosure

cc: Ellen Pilsecker, Office of County Counsel  
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